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Presidential Briefing
China--Outline

I. General Political Situation

A. Conflict within the leadership

1. Rivalry between Hua Kuo-feng and Teng Hsiao-ping
2. The Mao legacy problem
3. The scope and pace of current purge against supporters of "gang of four"
4. Attacks on other top leaders
5. The absence of an impact on major policies

B. Outlook for post-Mao leadership

1. Prospects for stability over short term
2. Prospects for stability over long term.
3. Impact of party and government congresses on succession

C. Situation throughout the rest of the country

II. Policy Preoccupations

A. Importance of National People's Congress

1. Competence of the new government
2. Undoing the damage of the last decade

B. Economic Modernization program (update previous briefing)

1. In what areas China looks to outside world
2. Development priorities and goals
3. Potential for conflict, especially civil/military

C. Continuation of major foreign policy themes

1. Paramount importance of concern over Soviet intentions
2. Maintaining links with the US, which remains only country capable of countering USSR. Chinese perceptions of the U.S.
3. Patience toward resolving Taiwan question